

Remarks

Support for the amendments

The amendments are fully supported in the claims as filed and thus do not constitute new matter.

Election

The Applicants herewith elect the method of item 17, drawn to a method of using a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:18. All remaining claims read on the elected method. This election is made with traverse, each of the other polypeptides has overlapping amino acid sequences with the elected species, and thus a search using common amino acid sequences would identify any relevant references for larger groups of polypeptides. Therefore, requiring the Applicants to cancel out all but one polypeptide places a tremendous burden on the Applicants, in terms of possibly having to file numerous divisional applications, without providing any corresponding increase in patent office efficiency. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

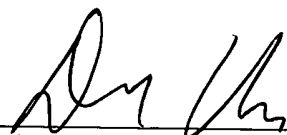
If there are any questions about this response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the below-signed attorney for the Applicants at (312) 913-2106.

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